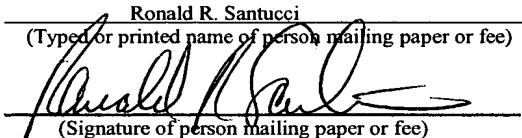


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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows: